

THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

A place to belong. A place to be loved. A place to serve God and others.

October 24, 2021

www.lomaxchurch.com

Volume 66, Number 43

On Being Effective

The Apostle Paul was one of the most effective Christians to have ever lived. He was known as a preacher, missionary, writer, and theologian. He was a busy and sacrificial servant. Many of us struggle to understand how he could accomplish so much for the Lord.

Paul encouraged Timothy to be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim 2:1). Paul had learned that in his weakness, he was strong for the Lord because the Lord's strength could then work in him. Timothy was encouraged to find the same strength for ministry in Christ. The strength that Paul emphasized here came from the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Grace is often just seen as an element of forgiveness. However, Paul uses the term in several ways and here to refer to that which propelled Timothy's ministry. God's grace fueled the motor of ministry for Timothy and for Paul.

Paul also encouraged Timothy to share the workload with others. One of the greatest things we can do for evangelistic work is to train an evangelist. So Paul told Timothy, "what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim 2:2). Paul's ministry spread rapidly because he helped train others who would be able to train others. We should all hope to pass down the Christian faith by instilling it into others who will teach many others.

Paul then instructed Timothy to stay focused. This focus meant that Timothy would have to endure suffering like a good soldier (2 Tim 2:3) and to not allow himself to be distracted with other things (2 Tim 2:4-6).

Finally, Paul encouraged Timothy to continue in his spiritual maturity. He said, "think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding" (2 Tim 2:7). Timothy's understanding of the Christian faith was a gift from God and also key to Timothy's strength for Christian service encouraged in 2 Timothy 2:1. Think over what Paul taught in this passage. Perhaps we can be encouraged to serve greatly as well.

Donnie L. DeBord, M.Div, Th.M

Welcome to Lomax!

A special welcome to our guests!

We are glad to have you visiting with us today! You are welcome here. We know you have a choice of where to worship, and you chose to be with us today — thank you.

At Lomax we want to be the church we read about in the Bible. Our goal is to glorify God with our worship and with our lives and to point people to Jesus Christ.

If you need anything during the service, ushers in the lobby can direct you to restrooms, the nursery, or a telephone. Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. If you have any questions or if we can help



Lomax Church Halloween Party

Saturday, October 30 Time: 5:30 pm—? at the Home of Colby & Lauren Hamm 4403 Buffalo Road

Come on down and enjoy a fantastic night full of fun
Hayrides, Bonfire, Costume contest and much more!
Bring chairs for your family

See Kara Farr or Lauren Hamm to sign up for food.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

<u>Sick:</u> Mike O'Brien began his 2nd stage of his treatments and in need of our prayers. Gary O'Brien had successful surgery and now at home.

Nadine Turnbow is now in the Bethany Rehabilitation Center. They are under COVID protocol so she cannot have visitors or calls at this time. She is also dealing with congestive heart failure. Louie Chapin, the husband of Jasmine Chapin is dealing with COVID pneumonia. Eli & Will Chapin are also dealing with COVID symptoms. Ronnie Belew, the father of Amy Lomax is now at home but remains serious condition. Please remember all those who have been or are currently dealing with the COVID Virus.

Sympathy to the friends and family of **William "Wink" Miller**. His funeral was held Wednesday, October 20th.

Continue to remember: Jerry Ammons, Lynn Ammons, June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Jean Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Sharon Grinder, Jana Grimes, Janice Johnston, Faye Kilpatrick, Freida Lewis, Jennie Martin, Thomas McMillian, Danny Milam, Howard Miller, Mike O'Brien, Chuck Oppermann, David Roth, Janice Sublett, Mike Tatum, Nadine Turnbow, Richard Whitehead, Charles Williams and Jerry Yates.

Shut-ins: Sharon Edwards, Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner

<u>In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center:</u> Michelle Huff, Melba Ogg and Betty Stafford.

Remember our military: *Dustin Brugmann* (grandson of Jim & Sharon Grinder), *Kerry Conkle* (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), and Jacob Fite (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton).



Secret Sister Reveal will be Tuesday, October 26th @ 6:00 pm at the CSC.

Bring finger foods, a 2 liter drink or Tea and come

have some fun! If you were not a Secret Sister this past year, we would LOVE to have you join us!

ATTENTION LADIES: Ladies Day is November 6th.

If you would like to contribute to the Gifts for Ladies Day, please give your money to Kara Farr



Food For Friends: October 28th

Team 6 (Kay & Annette)

If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:30 am



Our monthly Food for Families distribution is <u>Thursday, November 18th</u>
If you have not brought your grocery items in, please do so by Wed. morning if possible.



October 31st
Meal following Morning Service
Afternoon Service begins around
12:45 pm

EVENTS

October 22-24—ERUPT Youth Rally
October 26—Secret Sister Reveal
October 30—Halloween Party
October 31—Friends and Family Day
October 31—5th Sunday Building Fund
October 31—Trunk or Treat
November 3—Family Meal Night
November 6—Lomax Ladies Day

Whose preaching is summed up in these words, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"? (answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Boo's Belyeu

Wow we are making changes! The parking lot has paving, beautification, and new improved lighting. Improvements and changes have been a big part of our recent time. We think about our kitchen and of course the inside/outside of the auditorium, yet much more has been happening changes to our online abilities are coming. A thing you may not notice is our camera system for security and our benevolence program. We continue all of our mission work, Heart to Heart mail out program, funds to Menifee County and Humphreys County, etc. It is exciting to be a part of all the work being done. Let me encourage you to find your place the Food for Friends see Betsy Tiller and Food for Families programs see Sandra Thompson. Disaster Relief get notified about our trips to works see Joyce Gilliam. Visitation board Chris Hunter takes care of it. Youth do not miss the opportunity to grow in Lads to Leaders. The experience is not limited to growth spiritually, which is the greatest, growth in public speaking confidence in talking in front of others confidence in yourself. Attend every Youth Event and be a part. The Primetimers look for our events and our Wednesday 10 AM class. We are currently studying the parables of Jesus. This week we are looking at the Rich Fool and The Unjust Steward. Make a choice to be involved.

LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

We are excited for all the events that are coming up! Please try to be involved!

Upcoming events:

- * Saturday, October 30 Church Halloween Party at the Hamm's house.
- * Sunday, October 31 Trunk-or-Treat following our Friends & Family Day.
- * Wednesday, November 3rd Family Meal Night at 6 p.m. (Soup and Sandwiches is the theme)
- * **Saturday, November 6th -** *RUSH* (a youth rally for 9-12th grades) at Freed-Hardeman. This event is limited to 500 people & will go fast, so let Brice or Saul know ASAP if you are interested!
- * **Sunday, November 7th** *Youth committee meeting* after morning services and *Lads to Leaders* practice.
- * Saturday, November 13th Service Project Saturday.
- * Sunday, November 14th Area Wide Youth Devo. We are inviting youth from around the area, so invite your friends, too! We will start with dinner & a devo at 5 p.m. before our 6:00 service.
- * Monday, November 15th Friendsgiving and Devo (6th-12th). We will have a potluck meal and devotional.
- * Saturday, November 20th Cooks in the Kitchen Thanksgiving cooking class for all ages. We plan to make some treats to deliver to some of our members. Are you a good cook? We need your help!
- * Sunday, November 21st Lads to Leaders practice

Look ahead:

- *Friday, February 4th through Saturday, February 5th- 2022 Lomax Youth Rally. Mark your calendar now
- *Friday, February 25 through Sunday, February 27- Challenge Youth Conference, a huge youth rally in Gatlinburg. Sign up sheet is in the foyer now!

A Big Name

When Walter P. Paepeke started a carton company and called it the Container Corporation of America, his attorney said it was "a big name for such a small company." Mr. Paepeke's reply was,

"We'll take the name and grow into it."

That's the task we have before us. We have taken a big name – the name of Christ. Now we must grow into it. There was a wonderful promise given in Isaiah 62:2, "Thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name." Think of it. A new name. Given by the Lord! We see the fulfillment of that promise in Acts 11:26, "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

Under the name Christian we are to glorify God (1 Peter 4: 16). But we know that the name is too big for us. We are an unfinished product, slowly growing into that name. The Bible constantly calls upon us to become more and more like Christ, to "Grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

Are we making progress? Do others recognize Christ in me? Do they find some grace, or receive a kind thought when in contact with me? Am I concerned about the welfare of all those about me? Am I ready to love all people without partiality? Do I show compassion, tenderness and concern? Am I willing to step out of selfishness into selflessness? Am I kind and gentle to those who are in distress?

John Gipson Windsong church of Christ Little Rock, AR

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 10/17

A.M. Bible Class	112
A.M. Worship Service	168
P.M. Worship Service	90
Wednesday PM	114
Contribution:	\$8,750.63
Weekly Budget	\$6,000.00

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study — 9:00 am Worship Services — 10:00 am Sunday Evening — 6:00 pm Wednesday Primetimers - 10:00 am Wednesday Bible Study — 7:00 pm

> LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST LADIES' DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021



SPEAKER: KARA FARR

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M.

LESSONS WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M.

THERE WILL BE LUNCH TO FOLLOW

Lomax Church of Christ

931-796-5381

Email:

info@lomaxchurch.com

MINISTERS:

Donnie DeBord – 628-9276 Malcom George - 796-0045 Jeff Spears—306-1362 Saul Calderon—817-905-5324 Brice Van Hook—636-639-0153

Lomax Christian Day School 796-7373

Last week's Know Your Bible Answer: Paul II Corinthians 1:20



Please continue to check out the New Visitation Bulletin Board in the foyer for updated information.

ELDERS:

Jeff Dye — 306-8463 John Eglinton—446-5646 Rick Morrow —615-430-6663 Mike Parker—628-2961 (Please leave a message)

DEACONS

Matthew Farr
(Special Events, CSC Scheduling)
Colby Hamm
(Young Families Ministry)
Chris Hunter
(Visitation)
Greg Mullinicks
(Audio/Visual, Bulletin)
Chuck Oppermann
(Missions, Correspondance Courses)
Jeff Spears
(Education)
Marty Spears
(Finance)





Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 31st
Following the Friends and Family
Day afternoon services.
See Brice or Saul for Details
There will be time to dress up kids after church. Teens with cars can decorate and participate.

The Lomax Messenger Published weekly by the Lomax Church of Christ 320 Darbytown Road Hohenwald, TN 38462